

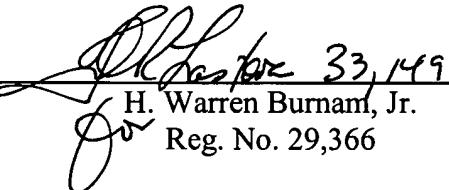
REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are made to remove multiple dependent claims without prejudice, to place the claims in proper U.S. claim formatting style and reduce initial filing fees. The specification has been amended to include a cross-reference to the parent applications.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

By:


H. Warren Burnam, Jr.
Reg. No. 29,366

HWB:dm
901 North Glebe Road, 11th Floor
Arlington, VA 22203-1808
Telephone: (703) 816-4000
Facsimile: (703) 816-4100